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COMMUNITY: Christmas at the Cookstown Antique Market



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Innisfil Examiner

Sally Robinson, owner of the Cookstown Antique Market, puts the finishing touches on one of two 10-foot high Christmas trees featured at the County Road 27 business, located just north of the village, over the holidays. Robinson invites the public to her 21st annual Victorian Christmas Show and Sale in the barn on Saturday and Sunday (Dec. 7 and 8) from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a cup of hot apple cider — and a treat or two — and find treasures and antiques, for a 10% discount. Visitors are asked to bring a non-perishable food item, a toy or cash donation for the Salvation Army, to share Christmas cheer.

Innisfil fire chief resigns

MIRIAM KING
Barrie Examiner

Innisfil Fire & Rescue Services Fire Chief Randy Smith has announced his resignation.

Smith, who joined the department in June 2011, has accepted a position with Rocky View County in Alberta. His resignation becomes effective Jan. 3, 2014.

Innisfil officials say Smith has been an integral part of developing Innisfil's Fire Master Plan in addition to focusing on the challenges of a growing community and the enhancement of the fire department.

"Chief Smith's leadership has had a positive impact upon the fire service and has helped to create the Master Fire Plan to guide the community through the next five years," said Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley.

Innisfil CEO John Skorobohacz said the town's management team has been fortunate to have someone of Smith's calibre.



Randy Smith

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Wynne's Liberals promise energy savings by lowering proposed increases: Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli

CHERYL BROWNE
Innisfil Examiner

Dangling the promise of savings by lowering proposed increases just furrows the brow of most homeowners.

Compared to the Long Term Energy Plan forecasts of 2010, in his new Achieving Balance Plan, Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli predicts residential customers can expect to pay about \$520

less over the next five years and \$3,800 less to 2030 on their energy bills than originally forecast.

In essence, the forecasted cost of electricity was originally estimated at just over \$111 billion but now thanks to a myriad of programs, the new plan will only cost about \$95 billion.

Which means Ontarians will see their hydro bills rise by 42% over the next five years and up to 68% over the next two

decades, assuming the Ontario Clean Energy benefit – a 10% rebate for homeowners – is eliminated as planned in 2016.

"We're not happy there's going to be a spike in the cost and we're doing everything we can to mitigate those costs," Chiarelli said during a media conference call Wednesday.

Chiarelli said the Clean Energy benefit will help offset the expected 2.8%

annual increase hydro customers will be paying over the next decade.

He defends the increases, pointing to other provinces, including Alberta, B.C. and Quebec, that expect to see their rates rising near the 3% range. He notes the previous Conservative government's under-charging for electricity – and residents are still paying the debt-retirement fees on that boondoggle – are all partly to blame for the high costs of electricity.

The cancelling of two gas plants in Mississauga and Oakville in 2011 cost Ontario taxpayers upwards of \$1 billion doesn't help to assuage the sting of any proposed savings.

Before their pencil sharpening, Chiarelli said the average consumer was looking at \$162 per month compared to the \$152 they'll be looking at now, which should drop to \$137 during the Clean Energy benefit over the next two years.

"If we had not generated reductions in our cost, you'd be paying \$121 (annually) more than you would under this plan," he said.

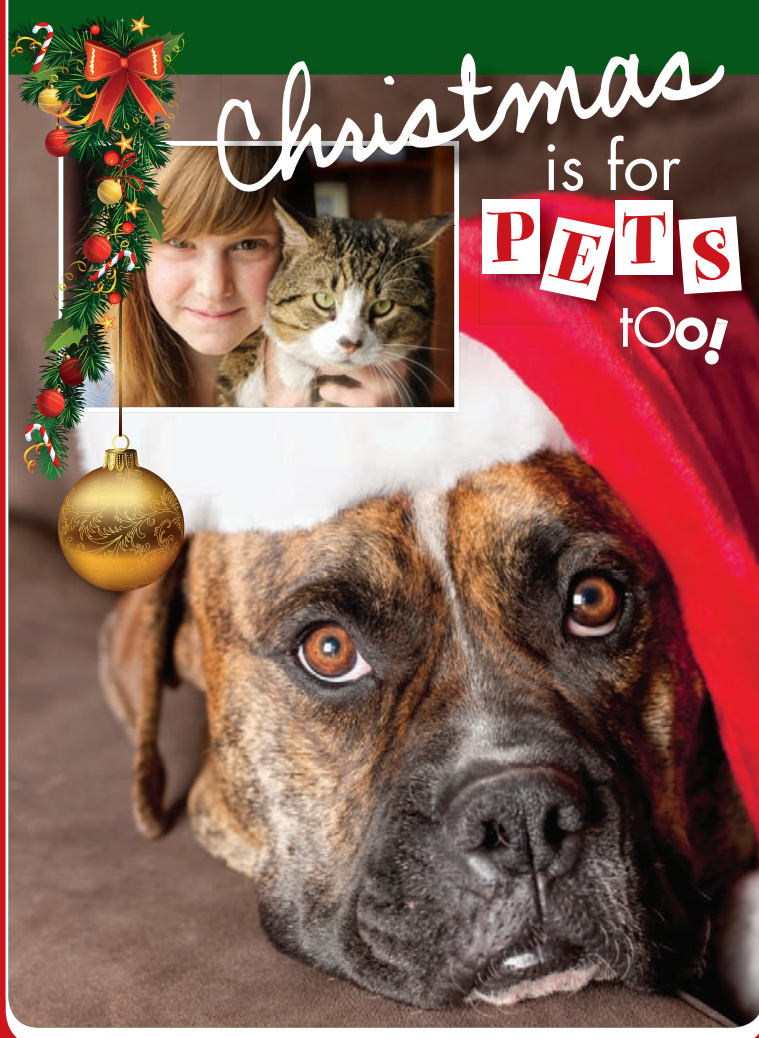
Chiarelli said after reviewing the aging energy infrastructure in Ontario in 2003 when the province relied on importing energy and coal plants, much has changed.

The province has spent more than \$11 billion on upgrading transmission and distribution networks, which contributed to the gross domestic product by \$835 million, supporting 8,000 jobs. Ontario's distributors invested an additional \$8 billion in that time frame, as well as more than \$21 billion invested in cleaner energy generation.

Chiarelli points to the province's plan of closing the last coal-fired plant next year, which he says is the single largest climate change initiative in North America.

Plans to reduce energy usage begins with conservation through the use of smart meters that allow residents to track their own usage and reduce their own bills accordingly. Reduction dollars also come by focusing on bioenergy in addition to natural gas, nuclear power, wind, solar and hydroelectricity and bio-fuel energy.

In the past few years, demand for electricity has declined due to reductions in use by residents, businesses and industry.



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Innisfil library recognizes young authors



MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

The number of entries in the Seepe Walters Short Story contest for kids was down this year, but according to local author Brenda Wood, the quality was better than ever.

Forty-eight young authors in junior, intermediate and senior divisions submitted their original stories for consideration by a panel of judges on Nov. 29 at the Lakeshore Branch of the Innisfil Public Library, when the winners were announced and presented with their prizes.

In the junior division: fifth place went to George Diab, for 'Saving the Day - Again!'; fourth went to Kayla Warburton for 'October'; third place went to Mark Kogan for 'The Chosen Hero'; second went to Ethan Leung for 'Time' and in first place was Bronte VanKesteren for

'My Camping Adventure'.

In the intermediate division: fourth place went to Abigail Hariprashad, for 'Friends in a Bank Robbery'; third went to Hailey Stefaniak for 'Best Worst Day Ever'; second place went to Noah VanKesteren for 'Great Offering'; and in first place was 'Summer of Surprises' by Story Quibell.

In the senior division: fifth place went to Katrina Alves for 'Being Perfect'; fourth went to Madison Fitzpatrick for 'Miles into Darkness'; third went to Meaghan Theodore for 'Through a Shark's Eyes'; second to Chelsey Collins for 'Blue Skies'; and first place went to Reed Percival for 'The Last Gathering'.

Author Eileen Cook read an excerpt from the winning entry, via video.

Margaret Ferraro, granddaughter of Seepe Walters, arrived from Ottawa to talk about her grandmother's commitment to literacy,



MIRIAM KING Innisfil Examiner

LEFT: Margaret Ferraro, representing the family of the late Seepe Walters, presents the Seepe Walters Prize for best overall short story to junior division winner Bronte VanKesteren at the Lakeshore Branch of the Innisfil Public Library on Friday, Nov. 29. ABOVE: Winners in the intermediate division hold their awards. In background are Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley, centre, and library board chair Anne Kell, at left.

and to present the Award for Best Overall Short Story.

"She was a real lover of words," said Ferraro, not only a founder of the Friends of the Innisfil Public Library, but a writer for the Barrie Examiner and other local papers, and an author of stories and poems.

She taught illiterate adults to read and write and was known for "knowing the most two-letter words, for playing Scrabble."

Ferraro said, "She'd be so pleased with all of this," both with the number of entries and the number of people who came out to see the awards presented.

Winner of the Seepe Walters Award for best short story was Bronte VanKesteren, whose 'My Camping Adventure' won her a cash prize of \$100.

Sponsors of the annual competition are Staples, the Family of Seepe Walters, and the Friends of the Innisfil Public Library.

Recruitment process underway for new Innisfil fire chief

FROM PAGE 1

"His experience in a number of communities has been helpful to our organization and his steady leadership will be missed," Skorobohacz said.

Smith has a long and respected career in the field of fire management, previously holding the position of fire chief and community emergency management co-ordinator for Tiny Township and as fire chief and emergency co-ordinator at Terrace, B.C and director of emergency services and fire chief in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

The town has begun the recruitment process for the fire chief position. Tom Raeburn is the acting deputy chief.

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'What would Maggie do?' also applies to Canada

Last week London, England, Mayor Boris Johnson delivered a speech titled "What Would Maggie Do Today?" The Conservative politician's comments on what Margaret Thatcher would think and do today bear repeating for Canadian readers.

Thatcher, PM from 1979-90, "put a stop to the talk of decline and she made it possible for people to speak without complete embarrassment of putting the "great" back into Britain. And she gave us a new idea -- or revived an old one: that Britain was or could be an enterprising and free-booting sort of culture, - a buccaneering environment where there was no shame -- quite the reverse -- in getting rich."

Unlike so many in the world today, both Thatcher and Johnson understand that economic success is actually a key ingredient for helping those less off.

Back to Johnson: "But I also hope that there is no return to that spirit of Loadsamoney heartlessness -- figuratively riffling banknotes under the noses of the homeless; and I hope that this time the Gordon Gekkos of London are conspicuous not just for their greed -- valid motivator thought greed may be for economic progress -- as for what they give and do for the rest of the population, many of whom have experienced real falls in their incomes over the last five years."

Yes, we need a strong economy in Canada so we can continue to fund our social programs and so our philanthropists can continue to support causes dear to them.

Big government interventions to end income inequality don't actually work. Which brings us to Johnson's most controversial comments: "I stress: I don't believe that economic equality is possible; indeed, some measure of inequality is essential for the spirit of envy and keeping up with the Joneses that is, like greed, a valuable spur to economic activity."

Johnson concludes: "It was (Thatcher's) fundamentally positive and can-do vision that turned this country around and that we should remember today."

So much left-wing activism these days is based on a culture of "no." Barack Obama's "Yes we can" was an Orwellian mantra. It actually meant "no you can't" -- without government, that is.

Canadians need a can-do vision moving forward so we can rise up together.

Convention all about engagement

More than 400 farmers, political leaders and industry enthusiasts had direct access to Ontario's Premier and other party leaders on Nov. 25 and 26, when they attended the 78th annual meeting and convention of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA). The convention -- held in Toronto -- has become a not-to-be-missed opportunity for Ontario's key political leaders to address grassroots members of Ontario's \$33 billion, agriculture and agri-food sector.

Kathleen Wynne, Ontario Premier and Minister of Agriculture and Food kicked off the 2013 convention with a challenge to our industry to meet specific growth targets in output and job creation over the next several years. NDP party leader Andrea Horwath and PC party leader Tim Hudak also spoke to the group. All party leaders were generous with their time and took the opportunity to field questions and concerns from OFA members, ranging from



MARK WALES

FARMING IT OUT

the need for improved preservation of farmland to the importance of job creation for Ontario's youth.

Agriculture as a key economic engine for Ontario was a recurring theme throughout the event, and it was strongly supported with a presentation by Dr. John Groenewegen of JRG consulting. The study, titled Economic Contribution of the Ontario Farm Sector, uses the most current data about Ontario farming from Statistics Canada, revealing that agriculture truly is a driving force behind provincial job creation, a stable tax base and thriving rural communities. The study also confirmed that agriculture is a major contributor to Ontario's food and beverage processing sector.

In the wake of the recent

announcement of another food processing plant closure -- this time Leamington Ontario's Heinz tomato plant -- farmers also had the opportunity to hear from Hon. Steve Peters, Executive Director of the Alliance of Ontario Food Processors. In his address, Mr. Peters impressed the need for the agriculture and agri-food sector to work with government to find a stable solution to attract and retain food processing facilities in Ontario to create jobs and markets for farmers.

The OFA values the time and attention our political leaders afforded Ontario farmers, and we will continue to address the ambitious goals for growth that the government has set, by asking the government to provide farmers with the tools we need to make it happen. To meet Premier Wynne's growth challenge, Ontario's agri-food sector needs the government's help in ensuring our best farmland is protected, regardless of its location. We also need a sound and supportive regulatory environment and

we need labour laws that allow Ontario food businesses to remain competitive. Ontario agri-businesses also require natural gas across rural Ontario to provide energy at competitive prices and we need to see further investment in the newly emerging bio-economy.

As the largest farm organization in Ontario, OFA represents more than 37,000 farm businesses. We will continue to advocate on behalf of Ontario's farm families, using the information and discussions from grassroots members to form our advocacy approach.

The OFA is grateful for the hundreds of convention attendees and for the additional 800 online viewers from across Canada who took the time to engage with us. The OFA leadership also thanks members for their continued support as we work together to ensure prosperous and sustainable farms.

Mark Wales is president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture

letters

Rotary helping out typhoon victims

Re: Philippine Relief Effort

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how Rotary and Shelter Box are providing assistance and relief to the thousands of people affected by Typhoon Haiyan which struck the Philippines on Nov. 9 and a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake which had hit a month earlier.

As a Rotary International project Partner, Shelter Box is deeply engaged in the response to multiple disasters occurring around the world.

As a result of the earthquake, Shelter Box Teams were already in place in one of the affected areas, Bohol, and had set up many Shelter Box tents and equipment, providing much needed relief and shelter for those displaced from their homes.

A Shelter Box team member advised that, "We knew that the typhoon was coming and we advised people to lower their tents before the storm, so we are now going back to help them put the tents back up so that they will



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have a place to live for the next few months."

Since the typhoon struck, over 500 Shelter Box tents have arrived and have been distributed and a further 224 Shelter Box Kits and 576 tents are en route to Cebu.

Nine Shelter Box Teams are on the ground carrying out assessments and distributions in Cebu, Bohol and Tacloban, some of the most devastated areas. Additional team members are also en route to assist and an extra 200 Shelter Boxes destined for the Philippines, are being assembled by volun-

teers at Shelter Box Headquarters in Cornwall, U.K.

As a result of these efforts, Shelter Box will be providing assistance to approximately 4,000 people with potential further help if needed.

Rotary Club of Innisfil has been supporting Shelter Box Canada for several years and has raised funds during that time to have 10 Shelter Box Units assembled and deployed to various disasters. This could only happen thanks to the many generous supporters and donations.

Any donations made by Dec. 8 to Shelter Box Canada for the Typhoon Haiyan Appeal, will be matched, dollar for dollar, by the Canadian government. To donate and receive a charitable donation receipt and to learn about Shelter Box, visit www.shelter-boxcanada.ca

Susie Parker
Past President of Rotary Club of Innisfil
Shelter Box Ambassador

■ COMMUNITY: St. James United Church in Stroud hosts Innispirit of Christmas



MIRIAM KING Innisfil Examiner

For a second year, St. James United Church in Stroud hosted Innispirit of Christmas, a community concert showcasing the talents of the Churchill, Lefroy, Gilford and Stroud United Churches.

An all-ages audience packed the sanctuary of St. James United on Sunday, Dec. 1, to hear choirs and soloists sing seasonal songs, and special guest readers, including Mayor Barb Baguley and South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley read Christmas tales. Admission to the family-focused event was a free-will offering, or a donation of non-perishable food for the Innisfil Food Bank. Here, Rev. Jane Sullivan, leads kids in a rousing chorus of Jingle Bells.

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DRIVERS NOT GETTING THE MESSAGE

South Simcoe police continue to catch drinking drivers on local roads.

At about 4 p.m. Wednesday, a police officer spotted a car with what looked to be an unusual licence plate. It was pulled over and an odour of alcohol was detected on the driver's breath.

A 48-year-old Bradford man registered a 'warn' on a roadside test, resulting in a three-day suspension of his driver's licence.

On RIDE patrol shortly after 9 p.m., police pulled over a 49-year-old Innisfil man on the 10th Side Road. Alcohol was detected on his breath and he registered a 'warn' when tested.

He lost his driver's licence for three days.

At about 10 p.m., a 21-year-old Innisfil woman was checked by RIDE officers after alcohol was detected on her breath. She blew under the legal limit, but alcohol was present.

Since she is a probationary driver, the woman is prohibited from drinking at all while driving. She was charged under the Highway Traffic Act for breaching the conditions of her probationary licence.

And her driving privileges will be reviewed by Ontario's Transportation Ministry.

OVERNIGHT TOOL THEFT

BRADFORD — South Simcoe police are investigating after approximately \$400 worth of tools were stolen from a Colborne Street home sometime overnight Sunday.

According to police, someone entered the home, which is under construction, and took sev-

eral tools, including a new table saw.

Opportunistic thieves often target new home developments or homes under renovation, police say. Tools, lumber, shingles, appliances and windows are all potential targets for roaming thieves. The impact of construction-site thefts is far reaching, according to police, and the burden eventually falls back on new home buyers as these costs filter their way into the prices of new homes or through increased insurance premiums.

Construction site theft may be as simple as the all too common loss of a few pieces of lumber removed by a local neighbour who is searching for material to finish their own deck or basement. Or it may be the work of professional criminals looking to steal tools and appliances.

Anyone with information is asked to contact South Simcoe police at 905-775-3311 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

B&E CHARGES LAID

ADJALA-TOSORONTIO — A man faces multiple charges after five businesses were targeted for break-ins here early Wednesday.

OPP were called to Highway 89 just after midnight for an alarm call, and searched the area with police dogs. A man was located and arrested near the 30th Side Road.

A 35-year-old New Tecumseth man is charged with three counts of breaking and entering, two counts of attempted breaking and entering with intent, mischief under \$5,000, possessing break-in instruments and failing to comply with a probation order.

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Liberals say they plan to bring back energy efficient rebates

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In an effort to keep that momentum going, the Liberals will re-introduce energy efficient rebates on long-term loans on homeowners' energy bills to retrofit their homes with attic insulation and windows.

The last provincial Ontario Home Energy Savings Program offered up to \$5,000 in tax-free grants for home energy renovations ended March 31, 2012.

When those incentives were offered, people took advantage of them, said Tony Positano, sales manager at Northern Comfort Windows and Doors in Barrie.

"It was fantastic. We had people throwing money at us," Positano said. "It was a great program right up until the day it ended."

Positano calls it buying forward, saying the 15-20% increase in business was followed by a drought that slowly picked back up again.

Staff at Northern Comfort became experts at what grants were available for their customers and how much they could claim. He figures homeowners earned about 10% in increased home

equity and value as well as the increased energy savings by upgrading their homes.

"The cost of energy is out of control. So when these programs are offered, people do take advantage of them," he said.

Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan

- Decreasing the need for new supply by implementing conservation programs and standards to offset most growth in electricity demand over next 20 years

- Expand Demand Response programs to help achieve a 10% reduction in peak demand by 2025.

- Make new financing tools available to consumers in 2015 for energy efficient retrofits

- Move ahead with nuclear refurbishment at both Darlington and Bruce Generating stations in 2016

- Extend the phasing-in of wind, solar and bioenergy for three more years. By 2025, about half of Ontario's installed generating capacity will come from renewable sources.

- Continue to encourage First Nation and Metis participation in transmission and renewable energy projects

community listings

DEC. 6

Innisfil Fire Station No. 1 in Alcona hosts a Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, Dec. 6, starting at 6 p.m. Free pizza, hot chocolate, hot apple cider, coffee and Timbits and the tree-lighting with Innisfil's Mayor Barb Baguley at 7 p.m. along with a visit from Santa. Bring your camera. Donations of non-perishable food for the local food bank are welcomed.

DEC. 7

Country Christmas, with Scott Woods & Band will take place Saturday, Dec. 7 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, located on 10 Sideroad at the 8th Line of Bradford. Championship fiddler Woods will be joined by special guests Steve Piticco, guitarist, and Amanda MacInnis, teen-age fiddle and step-dancing phenomenon. Enjoy two hours of old time fiddle and country music, season songs, inspirational stories, step dancing, trick fiddling and more. The concert takes place at 7 p.m., and tickets are only \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under, free for tots 5 and under available at Nancy's Nifty Nook, 152 Holland St. East; The Bradford Print Shoppe, 170 Artesian Industrial Parkway; St. John's Presbyterian Church - or call Leila, 905-775-6618. A fundraiser for mission and outreach of St. John's.

DEC. 7

Killarney Beach Public School in Lefroy hosts a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors wanted. Call 705-456-2630.

DEC. 7

Lefroy United Church Christmas Bazaar, at the Grange Hall and Lefroy United Church, takes place Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Great gifts, penny and white elephant tables, and a home-made lunch at the church. Don't miss the annual quilt display up in the sanctuary. There are still tables available for vendors; please call 705-456-2098 and leave a message.

DEC. 7

The Cookstown Antique Market invites the public to the 21st annual Victorian Christmas Show and Sale in the barn, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Enjoy the twin 10-foot tall Christmas trees decorated in vintage and new ornaments, enjoy a cup of hot apple cider and a treat or two, and find treasures and antiques, for a 10% discount. Visitors are asked to bring a non-perishable food item, a toy or cash donation for the Salvation Army, to share Christmas cheer.

DEC. 7

The Innisfil Rotary Club's Lights & Wishes event takes place at the Innisfil Recreational Complex on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ride the Rotary Train, make crafts, enjoy refreshments and treats, bid on the silent auction and meet Santa Claus!

DEC. 12

St. Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill is hosting a Free Christmas Dinner at the Church on Thursday, Dec. 12 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. as part of the church's outreach to the community. Everyone of every denomination is welcome to attend and take part in a seasonal dinner of Turkey with all the trimmings. For more information visit www.stpeterschurchill.org

DEC. 15

Jubilance Singers and Orchestra present a Christmas Concert at the Innisfil Community Church, 1571 Innisfil Beach Rd., on Sunday, December 15 at 6 p.m. For more information call 705-436-1611.

DEC. 31

The Innisfil Lions Club is hosting a New Year's Eve Party, December 31 at the Innisfil Lions Hall, 982 Innisfil Beach Road, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Only \$25 per person, includes Dance, D.J., party favours, door prizes, Midnight Champagne toast, and late night cold buffet. For tickets, call 705-302-6192.

Child pornography charges laid against Alliston man

NEW TECUMSETH — A 37-year-old Alliston man is facing several child-porn related charges following an undercover police investigation.

Members of the OPP's Child Sexual Exploitation Unit, Technological Crime Unit and the Nottawasaga OPP arrested and charged the man on Friday following an online undercover child pornography investigation.

OPP say officers executed a search warrant at an Alliston residence and seized one computer system which contained images of child sexual abuse. Marijuana was also found.

He will appear in a Bradford court on Jan. 2, 2014 and has been charged with one count of possession of child pornography, one count of accessing child pornography, one count of making available child pornography, and one count of possession of a controlled substance.

The investigation is continuing.



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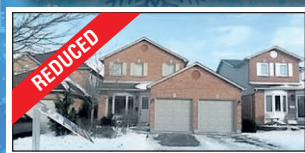
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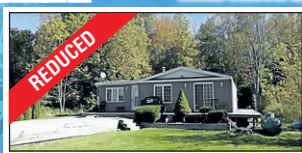
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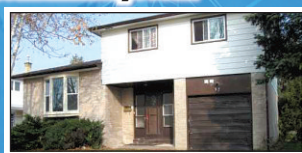
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42 Carr – just over 1500sqft of living space. This 3.1 bdrm home features 3.5 baths, hardwoods, laminates & ceramics, eat-in kitchen, sep livrm/dinrm, family room w/ wood burning fireplace, bsmt is finished w/ bdrm, rec room, 3 pc bath & kitchenette. Spacious master w/ ensuite. Enjoy great size backyard that is fully fenced. Needs some work. Plz allow 24hrs notice for appts. **\$299,900**



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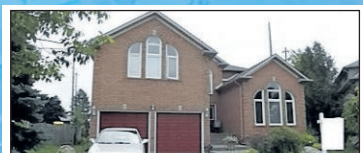
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353 Cundles – Beautiful family home on large lot. This spacious 2400sqft 4.1 Bdrm & 2.5 Bathroom home features a fabulous lg entry foyer with granite flooring, lg eat-in kitchen with pantry, separate livrm & dining room, beautiful family room with fireplace & hardwood flooring. Basement is partially finished with a bedroom. Enjoy beautiful verandah & landscaped 63' lot. This is a must see. Directions: Anne st to Cundles W **\$359,900**



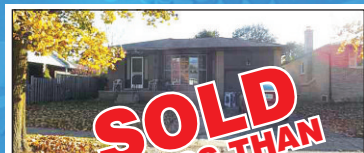
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How to save money and energy this winter

(NC) Most of the energy used by individual Ontarians goes to heating and cooling homes. During the long and cold winter heating season, there are a number of ways to cut back and save on bills. Enbridge Gas Distribution provides the following tips to save you a few dollars this New Year:

In the kitchen

- Turn the oven off a few minutes before the cooking time is over. The heat remaining in the oven will finish the job.
- Only preheat the oven for baking – and then, only for about seven minutes. Most foods, such as roasts and casseroles, don't need a preheated oven to cook properly.

In the washroom

- Sing shorter songs in the shower. The average shower is about eight minutes. Try reducing to five or six.
 - Install energy-efficient showerheads.
 - The best temperature for your water heater is 54 degrees Celsius. That's hot enough for washing, showers and baths, and reduces the risk of scalding.
- ## In the basement
- When you replace your old electric water heater, consider a tankless natural gas water heater as it heats water only as needed.
 - Replace the furnace filter

every three months (or clean a permanent one). When the filter is dirty, airflow is restricted and the furnace must work harder, requiring more energy.

- Keep vents and air returns free of obstructions. Furniture, dust, or pet hair can block vents, reducing airflow and the efficiency of the furnace.

In the family room

- If you have a wood-burning fireplace, keep the damper closed when not in use. This helps prevent cold outside air from coming down the flue and warm inside air rising out of it.
- If you purchase a natural gas fireplace, consider a direct vent

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Use cold water to 'green' your laundry routine

(NC) Washing machines are a quick and easy way to get clothes clean – indeed, most of us can't even imagine the old days of washboards and laundry basins. But washing machines use a lot of water and energy – and that can take a toll on your wallet and on the environment. Courtesy of Arm & Hammer laundry specialists, here are four simple tips to save your family money while taking a more environmentally-responsible approach to laundry:

1. Wash in cold water. This will help prolong the life of your clothes

by keeping the delicate fibres intact while reducing colour fading and shrinkage. With a detergent like Coldwater Liquid, you don't have to compromise your clean expectations since it is specially formulated for use in low temperatures.

2. Another benefit of washing in cold water: you will save power, reducing the dollar signs on your energy bill.

3. Use a high-efficiency detergent that is specially formulated to work with less water, making it easier on

your wallet.

4. The cleaning power of baking soda brightens and freshens laundry in any water temperature. Try adding a scoop to your regular load for an extra boost.

More information on environmentally responsible laundry solutions are available at www.armandhammerlaundry.ca.

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Is your furnace in danger of shutting down this winter?

(NC) Don't be one of countless Canadians who will get home from work, or get out of bed to face the cold truth that their furnace has stopped working.

Since it can be difficult to find a technician on short notice in the dead of winter, experts say it's best to be proactive with the most important household appliance for keeping you warm.

"Get a licensed technician to perform yearly maintenance and identify any issues before you need a costly repair," advises Dave Walton, the director of home ideas at Direct Energy. "This will save you money and eliminate the fear of freezing in your house while waiting for a technician."

Walton adds that we should change the furnace filter every three months because furnace motors are forced to work extra hard when the filter is clogged or dirty and the proper amount of air isn't getting through.

This can also save you as much as 5 per cent off your heating bill.

If you're worried that your furnace might be on its last legs, Walton says there are a few warning signs to watch for.

"Are your energy bills higher this year? Are there rooms in your home getting little or no heat? Is your furnace making unusual wheezing or hissing noises? Is it shutting down randomly before your home heats to the temperature on your thermostat?" asks Walton.

If any of these issues sound familiar and you're thinking of replacing your furnace, he advises to look for the Energy Star label and to purchase a furnace that is rated 90 per cent or higher in efficiency. This can save you up to 30 per cent of your heating costs.

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Laundry room innovations ease household chores

(NC) With parents both heading off to work and children staying at home longer, life in the Canadian household has changed dramatically over the last four decades. While the image of mom smiling over the ironing board as dad leaves for the office is history, the weekly household chores still need to be done.

More often than not, today's household tasks are being shared among the family, with everyone pitching in. Even with the extra help, basic chores still take much precious time out of the day, so on-the-go families are considering appliances with innovations that can give hec-

tic households some much needed time back.

"LG recently unveiled a mega capacity washer with a new time-saving feature called TurboWash," says Laura McGowan, a senior brand manager at the company. "With up to 40 per cent more capacity than the average washing machine, this state-of-the-art appliance accommodates super-size loads reducing the number a family needs to run. Better yet, its turbo wash technology saves up to 20 minutes per load - and that means just three loads will add up to a precious hour of free time."

Dryers have experienced similar time-saving innovations, McGowan points out. For example, LG's new Steam Technology features a steam generator that produces real steam right in the dryer. Time-crunched family members can leave the iron in the cupboard and simply set the dryer to reduce wrinkles, making it simple for even younger members of the family to help out.

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A home inventory may be the best gift of all

(NC) Before the frenzy of the holiday season takes over, have you thought about doing a home inventory? Even if you have the comfort of good property insurance, most of us don't realize how traumatic it can be to deal with theft or major damage to our home.

"Trying to remember all of the items of value can add to an already stressful event," says Wayne Ross, an insurance and claims expert at Aviva Canada. "Preparing and safe-keeping a thorough inventory is one of the best ways to prepare yourself. In addition to ensuring the right

amount of insurance, an inventory will help to settle your insurance claim faster."

Sure, but who has time to go through every item in their home?

Ross points out that the task need not be onerous and can be as easy as taking a video account of each room in your home. Many insurance brokers provide pre-prepared content lists that can act as a helpful starting point.

No matter whether you conduct a video or written inventory of your

home, don't forget to keep the list in a safety deposit box or in another safe place away from your house. It is also wise to keep a record of your legal documents in a safe place, such as birth certificates, passports and financial documents, such as bank account and insurance policies.

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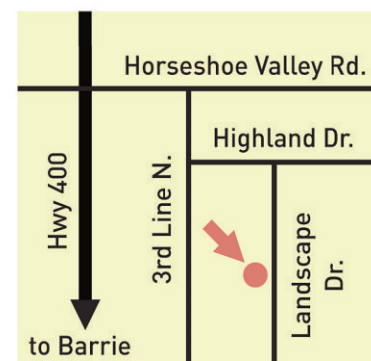
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Divorced retirees tap their house for extra income

(NC) Financial settlements from a divorce can have a big impact on a person's security – and that concern doubles when a marriage suddenly ends later in life.

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"It's never too late to bolster your finances by taking money out from your house while continuing to live there. For example, using a reverse mortgage to provide additional cash income could save homeowners from having to sell non-registered investments, or prevent the need to withdraw money from a RRIF above the annual minimum. Both of these strategies will likely have tax implications, so be sure to work with a financial advisor for solutions that fit your needs."

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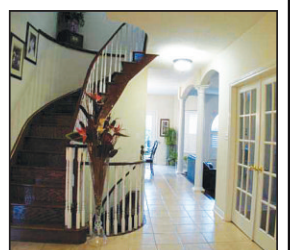
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See your home in a new light

(NC) They call it mood lighting for a reason. Whether it's a cozy and intimate den or a bright and functional work space, choosing the right location, wattage, and fixtures is one of the most important design decisions you can make.

And with the news that incandescent light bulbs are being transitioned out across the country, now is the best time for a re-evaluation of your lighting needs. According to the experts at The Home Depot, the right lighting for every space is as easy as following these trusted tips.

Setting the scene: Each room should have a mood that reflects its use. Direct or task lighting focuses on a workspace, like a countertop; and ambient or indirect lighting is used to create atmosphere, for example in a dining area. Remember to vary the brightness levels in different areas of a room to help prevent "lighting fatigue" which often occurs in shadow-less spaces, such as conference rooms.

The layering effect: Using a variety of light sources in a room creates a multitasking space – from under cabinet kitchen lights for prepping meals to pendant lights for homework and casual entertaining. Start with ambient light to evenly illuminate, then spotlight work areas with directional lighting. Accent and decorative lights, such as chandeliers and lamps, bring it all together.

Go for drama: Why not add a crystal chandelier to an ensuite bath or emphasize a wood-beam with focused accent lighting. Creating drama is all about up-lighting to focus attention on important elements like a fireplace, painting, or an architectural detail.

Multi-directional: Consider using directional lighting on countertops, kitchen islands, dressers and seating areas to add interest. Reduce shadows without creating the "office" effect by training recessed fixtures on the table and chandelier in the dining area, or down-lights directly

over sinks and vanities.

Dimming for dollars: Dimmers are the quickest fix for setting the mood and won't break the bank. And as the days get shorter and we need more

lights on, switching to high efficiency bulbs will help reduce the monthly bills. In fact, why not try out the latest in LED, CFL, or halogen technology? The lighting department at The

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Cookstown Auto Crams the Cruiser

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

The South Simcoe police mobile command post was empty on Nov. 29 when it first set up outside of the Canadian Tire store in Bradford to launch the 'Cram the Command Post' toy drive for 2013.

By the time police moved the command post to the Tanger Outlet Mall at Highway 400 and County Road 89 on Dec. 1, it had already been filled once and had to be partly emptied to make room for more donations, in particular, donations from a single family with a big heart.

For a second year, Cookstown Auto Centre Ltd. owner John Bucko Sr. and his family played Santa for needy children in South Simcoe by donating thousands of dollars in gift cards to the toy drive for the Simcoe County Children's Aid Society, then heading to the Toys R Us store at the Tanger Outlet Mall to purchase another \$3,000 in toys, for kids of all ages.

"We were here last year. My heart was that big when we left," said Bucko, spreading his arms wide. "We just enjoyed it so much!"

He was joined by family members, including wife Olive and several of his grandchildren, South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley, who donned an elf hat for the occasion and helped cram the command post with toys.

By the time the toy drive wrapped up, more than 1,500 toy donations had been collected.

Each donor received a ballot for a draw for four Toronto Raptors tickets donated by Paul Sadlon Motors and won by Sheri Jones of Bradford.



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South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley (in the elf hat) joins John Bucko Sr. and wife Olive, owners of Cookstown Auto Centre, and grandchildren Danielle and Teal in purchasing toys from Toys R Us at the Tanger Outlet Mall, for the Cram the Command Post toy drive on Sunday, Dec. 1.

A moving Movember tribute to men's health

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

November has become 'Movember' and challenging men to grow a moustache during the 30 days of the month to raise funds and awareness of both Prostate cancer and men's mental health issues.

To mark the end of Movember, McNally's Irish Bar in Alcona held a 'Shave-Off' on Nov. 30. Stylists Samantha Furlong, of Beauty Supply Outlet in Barrie, and Samantha Cave, of Barrie's Salon Mulla, donated their time and skills to cut hair and shave off moustaches as part of the fundraiser, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Among their clients was Andy, who grew a moustache especially for Movember.

"It was all in fun, and money was raised."

Andy, Movember participant

"I'm glad to have it off," he admitted, once he was clean-shaven again, although, he said, "It was all in fun, and money was raised."

Connor, 7, was too young to grow a moustache but he still participated, having his hair cut for a donation to the cause.

Movember began in 2003 in Melbourne, Australia, when the first 30 'Mo Bros' grew moustaches. It has grown into a world-wide campaign and since its start, has raised \$447 million for men's health issues.



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Stylist Sam Furlong gives Andy a shave at the Movember Shave-off held at McNally's Irish Bar in Alcona on Saturday, Nov. 30..

Former Barrie mayor leaving video legacy

IAN MCINROY
Innisfil Examiner

The life and times of Barrie's first mayor have been put to video, a visual and narrative documentary Willard Kinzie intends to share with his family and its future generations.

Originally the mayor of the Town of Barrie in 1957, Kinzie was also the municipality's first mayor when it was incorporated as a city in Jan. 1, 1959.

'The Milk Man' is the working title of the approximately hour-long video created by Debbie Marks, of Marks in Time, which specializes in capturing and preserving life stories.

She says Willard chose to record his stories so future generations will know the stuff they're made of, where they came from and how to navigate the challenges ahead.

Kinzie and Marks spent many hours in conversation about his family, business activities and political life as well as going through 250 photos to create the video, which came about when his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were visiting him at his Florida condo earlier this year. The 94-year-old Kinzie would be in the Sunshine State now except for the fact that he's still taking part in one of his favourite past times: curling.

"We discussed wills, money matters and we had fun," he says, sitting in an office in the Shanty Bay Road home he's lived in for more than 50 years.

"In this, many stories came out. They wanted much more, a history of the Kinzie family. They begged me to do it," he says, of the video. "Going through photos and reflecting on your life shows you how good your life was. It certainly brought back things that had slipped from my mind."

Marks says 'The Milk Man' portrays the values Kinzie lives his life by and his hopes for his family in the future. The title refers to his time as owner of the Lakeview Dairy on Dunlop Street East until 1971 (he continued to run the business until 1975) as well as when he was owner of a small, one-route dairy in the Guelph area that he bought in 1945.

"I went door-to-door with the milk and my wife Ruth washed the bottles. At night I'd pasturize the milk for the next day's deliveries," he said. "Within a year-and-a-half we grew to three routes, I guess through aggressive advertising, and had three employees."

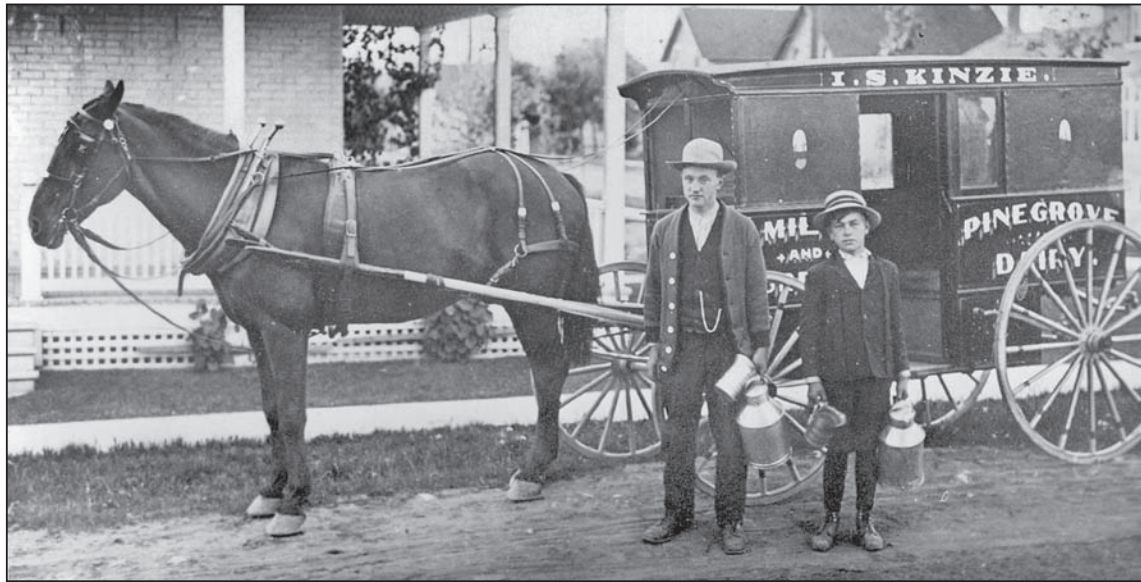
When he bought the Lakeview Dairy — the site of which is now a gaping hole in the ground between Dunlop Street and Kempenfelt Bay — in 1947 he had 20 employees.

His father, Isaiah Kinzie, and his



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Willard Kinzie, Barrie's first mayor, has enlisted the help of Debbie Marks, of Marks in Time, to create a video highlighting his entrepreneurship, family life and contributions to the community.



Submitted photo

Willard Kinzie's father, Isaiah Kinzie, is shown here in 1914 with a young employee delivering milk for the Pinegrove Dairy in what is now the Cambridge area. Back then, milk was delivered in two-gallon cans and then poured into separate containers at the customers' homes.

uncles Ephraim and Harry Kinzie, were also purveyors of milk back in the day of horse-drawn milk carts.

Kinzie's contributions to the city are many.

Prior to becoming mayor, Kinzie was an alderman (now referred to

as a councillor) and two of the visions he had for Barrie remain to this day.

He suggested developing the waterfront from swampland to an attraction for residents and visitors by infilling parts of the shoreline,

which resulted in the creation of an area later known as Centennial Beach.

"We were told Barrie would never see another duck at the waterfront," he laughs.

But his suggestion for the the

“Everyone has stories they treasure and like to retell.”

Former Barrie mayor Willard Kinzie

intersection known as Five Points while he was on council's traffic committee before becoming mayor was radical for its time.

Before Highway 400 was created, the downtown was traffic gridlock, especially during the summertime. It was Kinzie's idea to change the lights at the Five Points to an 'all walk'.

"It was the first intersection in Canada to have red lights at the same time. The headline in the Barrie Examiner was, 'Kinzie Scheme: Run Don't Walk!' But eventually everyone got used to it. There's no better way," he chuckles.

In the video, he also reminisces about the love of his life and Barrie's 'First Lady', Ruth, who passed away in January 2011.

As the unofficial First Lady, Ruth would often fill in for her husband-mayor if he was unable to attend a function.

"There hadn't been a First Lady before and not after," he says. "If you couldn't go to an event, you'd normally ask one of the councillors, or alderman as they were known. But if I couldn't go, Ruth would go," he says. "And she had a sense of humour. She told me she used to put my letters to her under the pillow and one time she found she'd slept on the hydro bill."

One of the legacies he wants to impart to his descendants through the video is the importance of family, something he thinks is lacking in these modern times.

"I remember the first radio. At that time, people had more family dinners and family reunions and those kinds of things when you got acquainted with aunts, uncles and cousins," he says. "That's disappeared. Knowing your own family is getting somewhat remote."

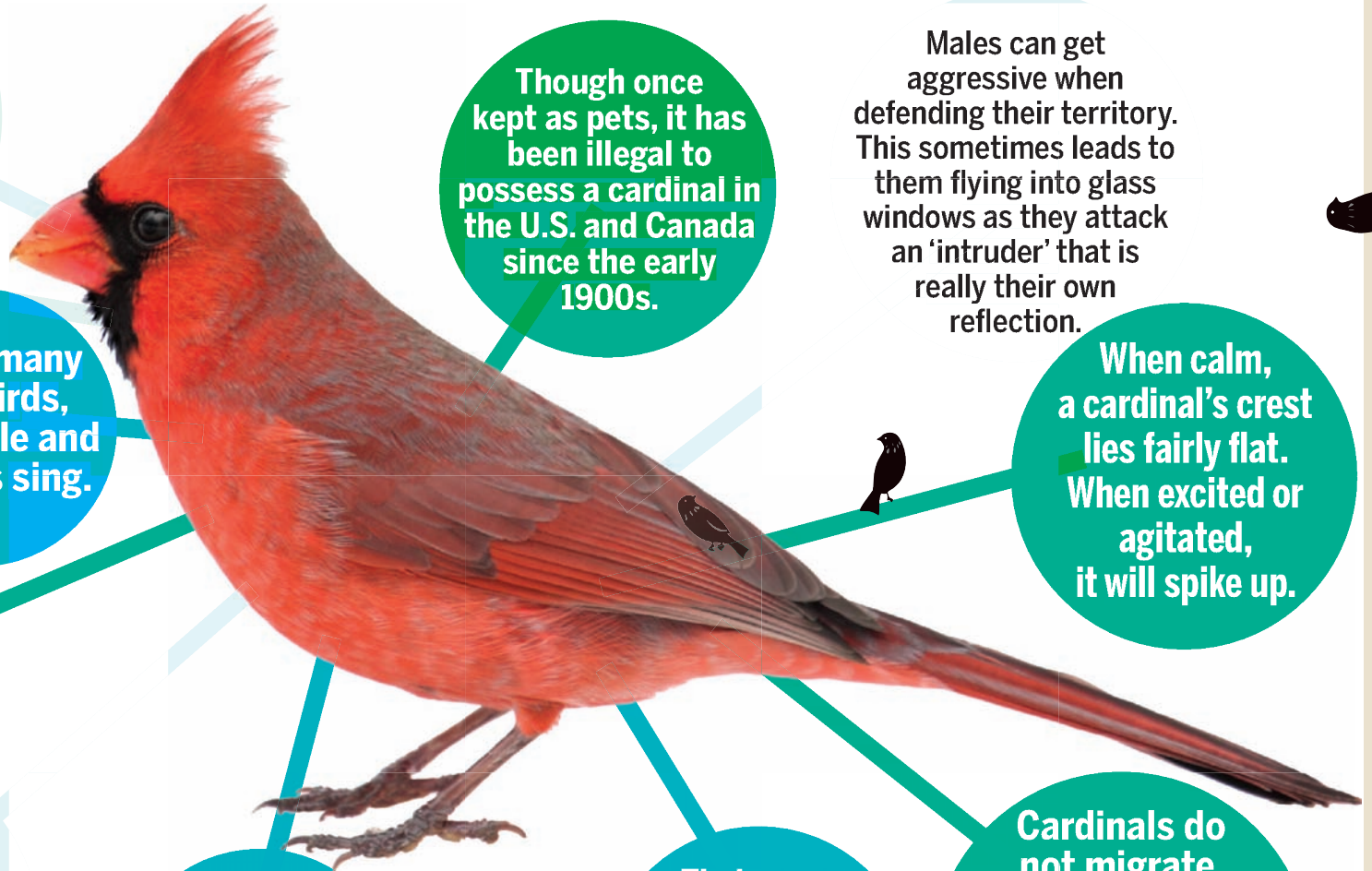
He's has kept many of his parent's views close to his heart.

"Some of their beliefs are honesty, paying your debts, enjoying life and having fun and doing your part for your community. If you live in a community and enjoy that community, it's important to do your part."

To see a clip of The Milk Man, visit www.marksintime.com.

Debbie Marks has 20 years experience in television broadcasting and print journalism, and has received several awards throughout her career. She is a member of the Association of Personal Historians and a Certified Legacy Advisor.

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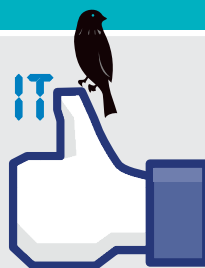
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Savour Simcoe gets provincial tourism recognition award

Special to the Examiner

Simcoe County Farm Fresh Marketing Association is delighted to announce that its premier annual culinary event, 'Savour Simcoe' is the recipient of the Culinary Tourism Award of Excellence, Ontario Culinary Event of the Year 2013. The award was handed out at the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario Summit and Gala on Nov. 14.

Savour Simcoe is an event that celebrates agriculture and regional cuisine. It is an opportunity to meet farmers who grow our food and taste delectable creations prepared by the finest chefs from around the region. It is also an opportunity to sample our region's delicious locally produced wines, craft beer and cider.

2014 will mark the seventh Savour Simcoe event and its fifth time held at the Simcoe County Museum, the perfect backdrop for this type of event because it showcases the rich agricultural history of Simcoe County along with the many agricultural related artifacts in its collection.

"We could not hold such a great event without our farmers, chefs, volunteers and generous sponsors," says Sandra Trainor, executive director of Simcoe County Farm Fresh. "The museum is the perfect venue and of course our guests are what keeps us able to provide this fantastic local culinary experience."

Due to demand, Savour Simcoe 2014 early bird tickets are available now at www.simcoecountyfarmfresh.ca/savoursimcoe. Event sponsorship opportunities are also available.



Submitted photo

Simcoe County Farm Fresh Marketing Association executive director Sandra Trainor, from left, and SCFFMA vice-chair Henri Linde accept the Culinary Tourism Award of Excellence from Minister of Tourism Culture and Sport Michael Chan.

65 years celebrated at Wine and Cheese Gala

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Lakeside Retirement home in Alcona hosted their annual Wine and Cheese Gala for residents and invited guests on Nov. 29.

"It just starts our Christmas season," said director of community relations Toni Imtiaz of the festive event.

Staff served up hors d'oeuvres, cheese and crackers, and wine — non-alcoholic, for those who preferred it — in the festively-decorated common room as musicians played.

Among the invited guests were Innisfil Coun. Ken Simpson, Deputy Mayor Dan Davidson and Mayor Barb Baguley.

The Mayor took the opportunity to present a certificate of congratulations to Eleanor and Robert Moat, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in September.

In front of residents and over 60 guests, the mayor congratulated the couple — who have four children, eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren — on achieving the milestone.

Although the anniversary took place in September, "we only found out now," said Mayor Baguley, calling the 65th "a really, really wonderful thing."



MIRIAM KING Innisfil Examiner

Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley was joined by councillors Ken Simpson (left) and Deputy Mayor Dan Davidson as they extended congratulations to Eleanor and Robert Moat on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary during Lakeside Retirement's Wine & Cheese Gala.



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Community Bulletin



DECEMBER 6, 2013

Town Council Meetings

Wednesday December 11, 2013

5:45 pm Public Meeting – Housekeeping By-Law Amendment to Adopted Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 080-13

6:00 pm Public Meeting – Second Dwelling Unit Draft Policy

7:15 pm Regular Council Meeting

Board Committee Meetings

Innisfil Public Library Board

December 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm, Lakeshore Library Branch

Accessibility Advisory Committee

December 10, 2013 at 1:00 pm, Town Hall, Community Rooms A, B

Economic Development Advisory Committee

December 12, 2013 at 1:00 pm, Town Hall, Community Rooms

Committee of Adjustment

December 12, 2013 at 1:30 pm, Town Hall, Council Chambers

Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board

December 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm, Town Hall Community Rooms

Innisfil Community Health Committee

December 19, 2013 at 1:30 pm, Town Hall, Community Rooms

Employment Opportunities

- **Executive Assistant- Deputy CAO/Town Solicitor**
 - **Records Coordinator/Assistant Clerk (1 Year Contract)**
- These competitions close December 12, 2013.

- **Capital Project Manager**
- **Capital Project Manager (4 Year Contract)**
- **Operator I – Roads Services**

These competitions close December 16, 2013.

Please visit Employment Opportunities on the Town's website for more details.

Library Employment Opportunity

One Year Maternity Leave Contract

Full Time Hours (35 hrs. per week)

Librarian – Children's Services – Innisfil Public Library

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a resume, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, 2013 to:

Jayne Asselstine, Deputy Chief Librarian
Innisfil Public Library, Box 7049, Innisfil, Ontario L9S 1A8
Fax (705) 431-4898
jasselstine@innisfil.library.on.ca

Public Meeting

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW NO. 080-13

(Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, s. 34(12), O.Reg. 545-06)

HOUSEKEEPING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TO ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW 080-13

The Town of Innisfil will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 5:45 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at the Town Hall at 2101 Innisfil Beach Road.** The purpose of the Public Meeting is to obtain public comments on proposed changes to the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 080-13. Staff will provide an overview of the proposed changes and listen to comments.

WHAT ARE THE CHANGES?

Since Council's adoption of the new Comprehensive Zoning By-law 80-13 in July 2013, numerous omissions and corrections have been identified. These matters are common for new comprehensive zoning by-laws.

The proposed 'housekeeping' by-law seeks to make corrections and provide further clarification to improve Comprehensive Zoning By-law 80-13. Changes are proposed to definitions, general provisions, zoning provisions and mapping. These changes will improve Comprehensive Zoning By-law 80-13 and assist in its implementation for future development in the Town.

ANY PERSON may attend the Public Meeting, and make oral and/or written submissions either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. **Please note that Council may approve the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and its associated By-law on the same night (December 11, 2013), providing no comments are received that would otherwise require staff to report back to Council.**

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY that files an appeal of a decision of the Council of the Town of Innisfil in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment does not make oral submissions at the Public Meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Innisfil before the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the Zoning By-law Amendment (including the staff report, Zoning By-law 080-13 and all proposed changes) is on the Town website at www.innisfil.ca. Information is also available for inspection between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on weekdays at the Town's Customer Service Department. You may also contact Mike Eckstein, Zoning Administrator, at (705)-436-3740 ext. 3314, or by e-mail at meckstein@innisfil.ca.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF INNISFIL THIS
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KAREN FRASER, DEPUTY CLERK
TOWN OF INNISFIL
2101 INNISFIL BEACH ROAD
INNISFIL, ONTARIO, L9S 1A1

Tenders/Bid Opportunities

P-13-111 Engineering Services
For Water Treatment Plant – Phase 3 Expansion
Closing Date: February 11th, 2014 at 2:00 pm

Q-13-105 Removal & Utilization of Municipal
Non-Agricultural Source Material
Closing Date: December 12th, 2013 at 2:00 pm

Donations Invited

Toy & Food Drive
November 18 to December 18
Donations accepted at these participating locations:

Innisfil Innisfil Public Library Innisfil Hydro Alcona Business Association

Visit www.innisfil.ca for more information.

Holiday Closure Notice/Town Offices

New Holiday Closure - Town Offices will be closed for the full week of Christmas (Monday, December 23, through Friday, December 27, 2013). Town Offices will re-open for business on Monday, December 30, 2013.

When:

Christmas Holiday Closure – Town Offices will be closed Monday, December 23, through Friday, December 27, 2013.

New Year's Day Closure - Town Offices will be closed all day on Wednesday, January 1, 2014.

Exceptions:

Open for Holiday Hours Only: Recreation

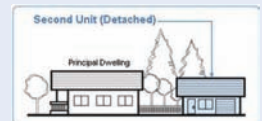
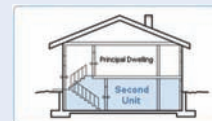
Open for Essential Services Only: Roads, Water, Wastewater Services

Public Meeting

Second Dwelling Unit DRAFT Policy

We want your feedback!

The Town would like your feedback on a proposed draft policy that would allow for second dwelling units (e.g. basement apartments) within Innisfil, subject to certain conditions (e.g. parking requirements).



Staff will present the draft policies and you will be able to ask questions and provide your feedback. The draft policies reflect input received at the Public Open House held in October and the Second Units Survey. Final policies and all public comments will not be presented for Council adoption until early 2014.

Why develop a Second Dwelling Unit Policy?

The Town must consider policies to permit second units such as basement apartments as a result of changes to the Ontario Planning Act. Legal second units can provide important community benefits such as safe and affordable rental housing. Second units also provide economic benefits to homeowners and they support the flexible housing needs of youth, young families and seniors.

Public Meeting:

- Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 6:00 pm
- Town Hall (Council Chambers)
2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil

For more information, please visit www.innisfil.ca to view the draft policies and Staff Report or call Customer Service at 705-436-3710.

Winter Parking Notice



Reminder: Winter Parking Restrictions in Effect

No parking is allowed on town streets between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.